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In re application of:

Mark Chee et al.

Application No.: 08/856,376

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For: POLYMORPHISMS IN HUMAN  
MITOCHONDRIAL DNA

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

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